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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks. Applicant is concurrently filing a petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the period of responding to this Office Action until January 10, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.